



SOUTHWEST Florida Regional Planning COUNCIL (SWFRPC)

MEDIA SUMMARY

February 17, 2011

1. AGENDA ADOPTION

Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council (SWFRPC) will consider changes or additions to its agenda of February 17, 2011.

2. MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 20, 2011, SWFRPC MEETING

Draft minutes of the January 20, 2011, meeting of the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council will be considered for approval and adoption.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Intergovernmental Coordination and Review

Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council will finalize administrative and intergovernmental applications submitted under the Florida Intergovernmental Coordination and Review process.

B. SWFRPC's Financial Statements (January 2011)

Financial statements of January 2011 will be presented for the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council's perusal and approval. Additionally, the Council's grant activity status update is provided in the agenda package.

C. Member Appointment and Certification for the Glades & Hendry County Joint Local Coordinating Board for the Transportation Disadvantaged

Council officials will contemplate an appointment and certification of nominees to serve on Local Coordinating Boards associated with the Glades and Hendry Transportation Disadvantaged Programs.

D. SWFRPC 2011 Committee Structure

An overview of the “Committee Structure” associated with the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Councils will be discussed pursuant to 291-1.005, of the Florida Administrative Code.

4. ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES

A. Appointments to the Estero Bay ABM Committee – Counsel Liz Donley, SWFRPC

The Estero Bay Agency on Bay Management (ABM) is a non-regulatory advisory committee to the SWFRPC. Its directive is to make comments and recommendations regarding the management of Estero Bay. The Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council is asked to appoint a representative to the ABM.

B. Estero Bay Agency On Bay Management Report – Staff Planner Jim Beaver, SWFRPC

Mr. Jim Beaver will facilitate discussion surrounding the plan implementation initiatives of the Lower West Coast Watersheds Subcommittee. Annually, the Estero Bay Agency on Bay Management elects officers and develops an annual plan for the upcoming year. The workplan entitled “Proposed Projects and Activities 2011” was developed and approved. The following were elected officers for the upcoming year.

- ✓ Chairman - Mr. Paul O’Connor, Lee County Government
- ✓ Vice Chairman - Councilman Tom Babcock, Town of Fort Myers Beach
- ✓ Recording Secretary - Ms. Sarah Larsen, Florida Gulf Coast University

C. SWFRPC Information Technology Update – Staff Planner Jennifer Pellechio, SWFRPC; and Ms. Toni Bleiweiss, Lee County Clerks of Courts

Work has started to retool the information technology management processes at the SWFRPC. A new website with a new format has been designed and is projected to be operational, February 17, 2011. Additionally, social media sites have been added to the newly created website and an agreement has been executed with Lee County Clerk of Court which has resulted in greater capacity and an annual savings.

D. SWFRPC Strategic Regional Policy Plan Update – Staff Planner David Crawford, SWFRPC

Efforts are currently underway to conduct a formal Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR) of the SWFRPC’s Strategic Regional Policy Plan (SRPP) in accordance with Subsection 27E-5.008 of the Florida

Administrative Code and as required by the Florida Department of Community Affairs. Planning directors of Southwest Florida's local governments and State agency representatives met during a Technical Advisory Committee meeting, January 27, 2011, and provided recommendations regarding the evaluation planning process. Council staff is requesting that Council members review the webpage documents and provide comments on the existing goals, strategies and actions to strengthen the SRPP.

E. Community Collaborative Initiative Issues – Executive Director Ken Heatherington, SWFRPC

An overview of Florida's Regional Planning Councils will be imparted to single out the roles, responsibilities, and activities of the eleven Councils and the importance of intergovernmental solutions and regionalism in the context of the governmental process.

5. REGIONAL ISSUES

A. The Impact of Multiple Freezes on Agricultural – Mr. Robert Halman, Collier County Agricultural Extension

Mr. Robert Halman of the Collier County Extension Office is slated to update to the SWFRPC regarding the impact the recent multiple freezes had on the agriculture communities of the region.

B. TABOR Report - Planning Director Dave Hutchinson, SWFRPC

Planning Director Dave Hutchinson will elaborate on the issues surrounding TABOR. TABOR is an acronym for Taxpayer Bill of Rights. No TABOR legislation has been introduced in the Florida Legislature this year, though most analysts expect the issue to be raised during the next Legislative session. TABOR proposals are opposed by the Florida Association of Counties, Florida League of Cities, and the Florida School Board Association.

C. Health and the Integration of Planning – Executive Directive Ken Heatherington, SWFRPC

The American Planning Association (APA) has created the Planning and Community Health Research Center. The work of the Center advances communities that reduce the impact of the built environment on people's health. Regional staff is attempting to show the correlation and benefits of food system planning and planning for healthy communities.

D. Legislative Summary Report – Planning Director Dave Hutchinson, SWFRPC

A summary of some key legislative initiatives and activities is provided for the SWFRPC's knowledge and consideration. Discussions will include the

following:

- Summary of Changes to Chapters 163 & 380, F.S.
- FRCA Legislative Weekly Report
- APA Bill Tracking Report
- Fertilizer Ordinance and Preemption

6. DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

Executive Director Ken Heatherington of the SWFRPC will provide a digest of pertinent issues facing the region and state.

7. STATE AGENCIES COMMENTS/REPORTS

- Florida Department of Environmental Protection
- Florida Department of Transportation
- South Florida Water Management District
- Southwest Florida Water Management District
- Southwest Florida School Boards
- Southwest Florida's Economic Development Programs

8. COUNSEL'S COMMENTS

Counsel of the SWFRPC is afforded time to advise the body of pertinent legal issues confronting the jurisdiction.

9. COUNCIL'S MEMBERS COMMENTS

Officials of the SWFRPC are allowed a brief opportunity to share information regarding unique activities in their respective communities, or projects for future consideration.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment signals the close of all proceedings of the official monthly meeting.